

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
CP-11 – ESTABLISHED TREES

I accept responsibility for maintaining the Tree Planting established under this contract for the life of the contract and agree to conduct periodic inspections and perform all needed maintenance in a timely manner.

This shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Prevent animal damage and browse by rodents, mice, rabbits, deer, gophers, and other wildlife which adversely affect woody vegetative cover.
2. Prevent disturbance of cover during the primary nesting season for wildlife as established by FSA.
1. Control all noxious weeds as identified by state and local laws, by; (1) treating with chemicals per label directions, or (2) spot mow before seed heads form. When possible delay use of control measures until after August 1st to protect nesting wildlife. Spot treatment on problem areas may be authorized by FSA during the primary nesting season.
4. Protect the acres from haying and grazing. Fences may need to be constructed and maintained to exclude livestock throughout all 12 months of each year.
5. Replace dead trees and or shrubs, as necessary, and control undesired vegetative competition to promote a fully functional tree planting. Control weed and grass competition around trees and shrubs for a minimum of 2 to 4 feet using cultivation, mulch, or chemical control measures. Mechanical cultivation needs to be kept shallow to avoid damaging tree and shrub root systems.
6. Periodically inspect for rilling, gullyng, and concentrated flow erosion. Repair disturbed areas and re-vegetate areas that may need to have permanent cover.
7. Avoid direct spray applications and spray drift when applying herbicides on adjacent cropland.
8. Control insects and diseases damaging the vegetation. If you use pesticide to treat a problem read and follow label directions carefully.
9. Do not apply animal/livestock waste or municipal and industrial waste.
10. Do not use the planted area for field roads, turn areas, or other uses that will damage or destroy the vegetation.
11. Prune trees, as necessary, to remove dead or damaged branches, maintain a single leader and upright form.

Program Participant

Date